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Re: Acceptance of Amended Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Neal #2 & 3, S/047/063, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Wagner:

On March 11, 2001, we received your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations. The Division reviewed and accepts this notice as an amendment to the Neal #1 permit because of our neighboring sites policy; therefore, the \$100.00 fee attached to the application will be applied towards the 2001-2001 permit fee. The application for the proposed project Neal #2 & #3, located in Section 32, T11S, R24E, SLBM, is considered complete and no additional information is required by the Division at this time. You may commence with the proposal as outlined, provided you have received written acceptance from SITLA.

Any deviation to the plan as approved should be submitted to the Division for review before any further disturbances take place. It should also be noted that SITLA has canceled ML 46896 and operations at this site are presently under ML 47536 OBA.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices", and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO 1-2). Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices" (SMO-1). Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements. Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

Doug Jensen
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure

cc: Gayle McKeachnie, McKeachnie, Allred . . .

Will Stokes, SITLA (ML 47536 OBA)

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